GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:401
ANSWERED ON:03.05.2007
ETHANOL BLENDED PETROL
Pradhan Shri Dharmendra;Rijiju Shri Kiren

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received representations from various oil companies suggesting the increase in the quantity of ethanol in petrol;

(a) if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to import ethanol for this purpose;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) further action taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No. 401 BY SHRI KIREN RIJIJU, SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN TO BE ANSWERED ON 3RD MAY 2007 REGARDING `ETHANOL BLENDED PETROL`

(a): No, Sir. The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas vide Gazette Notification No. G.S.R. 580(E) dated 20.9.2006 has directed oil companies to market 5% Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP), subject to commercial viability and as per Bureau of Indian Standards specifications, in the notified 20 States and 4 Union Territories.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): The Government have no plans to import ethanol for the Ethanol Blended Petrol Programme.

(d): Do not arise.